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U.S. Silver Subject of ANS Conference



ANS President Harry W. Fowler welcomes participants to COAC 1986.

"America's Silver Coinage, 1794-1891" was the subject of the third annual Coinage of the Americas Conference sponsored by the ANS and held at its museum, November 1-2. Richard G. Doty, Curator of Western Hemisphere Numismatics at the Smithsonian Institution, returned to the ANS to chair COAC 86 which included 15 speakers participating in three sessions over the two days of the Conference.

Society President Harry W. Fowler welcomed the registrants and observed in introductory remarks that "I expect that over the next two days greater expert attention will be focused on the topic of this meeting than has heretofore occurred." He also expressed the gratitude of the Society to members of the Organizing Committee who had spent the preceding 14 months preparing for COAC 86. The Committee, chaired by Dr. Doty, also included David Davis, George E. Ewing, Jr., Allen F. Lovejoy, John W. McCloskey, Julius Reiver, and Leslie A. Elam, ANS Director who served as Conference Coordinator.

In a series of highly technical and well-documented reports, the speakers focused on the manufacture of dies for silver coinage as well as minting techniques and

procedures during the first century of operation in the U.S., papers which, Dr. Doty concluded, "represent the cutting edge of American numismatics today."



COAC 1986 Chairman Richard G. Doty.

Dr. Doty also remarked on the high degree of collaborative effort in the study of early U.S. silver, as reflected in the number of joint presentations at COAC

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INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC CONGRESS

The 10th International Numismatic Congress held in London September 8-12, 1986, was the largest Congress ever held. The ANS was well represented by Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, Nancy M. Waggoner, Michael L. Bates, Alan M. Stahl, William E. Metcalf of the curatorial staff as well as Candace Carter, International Editor of *Numismatic Literature*.

Everyone from the ANS delivered papers. Stahl discussed "The Reorganization of Minting in Venice under Doge Andrea Dandolo, 1343-1354." Arnold-Biucchi presented "A New Archaic Hoard from Sicily," a paper written jointly with Nancy Waggoner and Leslie Beer. Metcalf presented "New Light on the Mint of Caesarea Cappadociae," which was prepared with the assistance of Arnold-Biucchi. Carter discussed "The Staters of Leucas: A Numismatic and Historical Study." Bates delivered one of the four featured addresses, "The Arabic Silver Dirhams of the Crusaders in the Monetary Economy of Thirteenth-Century Syria."

Thursday afternoon was highlighted by a session of papers in memory of Edward T. Newell on the centennial of his birth. Metcalf chaired the session at which Arthur Houghton of the ANS Council presented "A 'Victory' Coin and the Parthian Wars of Antiochus VII" and Waggoner discussed "A New Wrinkle in the Hellenistic Coinage of Antioch/Alabanda." Others participating in this memorial session were Professor Tony Hackens of the Université Catholique de Louvain, Dr. Martin J. Price of the British Museum, and Professor Paul Naster of the Université Catholique de Louvain.

Several members of the ANS Council were in attendance. In addition to Houghton, John H. Kroll presented a paper on the bronze coinage of Eleusis. John Slocum and Houghton chaired sessions in their respective fields. Society

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President Harry W. Fowler hosted a luncheon for the Newell session participants and took the opportunity to establish and renew personal contacts with ANS members from abroad.

Remarks by Thompson

At the Newell session, the program of papers was preceded by an opening reminiscence of Edward T. Newell prepared by ANS Chief Curator Emerita, Margaret Thompson, and read by Metcalf.

"Since 1986 marks the centennial anniversary of the birth of a truly great numismatist, Edward Theodore Newell, it seems fitting that a session of this Congress be dedicated to the memory of one who contributed so much to our common discipline.

"How we could wish that a close friend or relative had left us a biographical sketch! There are so many questions and so few answers, especially about the formative years. What prompted his ardent interest in numismatics, his decision to make the collection and study of coins his chosen field? In an informal talk to a local coin club Newell once jokingly remarked that his collecting had begun at a tender age when he swallowed a penny as a baby. In a more serious vein a colleague traced his enthusiasm to boyhood travels with his parents and the discovery of ancient coins in the ruins of North African Timgad. For the rest there can be little more than speculation. Even as a young student he must have been assiduously preparing the groundwork for his future career, using his ample means to travel and collect, and teaching himself to interpret the material he had assembled. The spectacular hoard of tetradrachms from Demanhur in Egypt came to his attention and from then on the Alexandrine coinage was his primary concern.

"Barely two years after he left Yale in 1909 with an M.A. degree his first major publication, *Reattribution of Certain Tetradrachms of Alexander the Great*, was in print, already demonstrating his mastery of the two chief tools of numismatic research: die-linkage and hoard evidence. The next thirty years produced a total of some 75 books, studies and reviews, ending with his death in 1941 just after he had finished correcting proof for *Western Seleucid Mints*. He was then 55 years old with an output which would have been a remarkable achievement for a much longer life span. Remarkable, too, is the extent to which his studies have stood the test of

time. The reprint edition of his last great work suggests very few changes in his original text.

"In 1905 Newell joined the American Numismatic Society and from 1916 to 1941 he served as its President. The Society as we know it was literally his creation. His guidance and his publications transformed it from a collectors' club into an institution of scholarly prestige: his donations, numbering over 127,000 items, made it one of the major numismatic cabinets of the world. Each coin as it came to the Society was accompanied by a ticket with data on attribution, date, provenance, and cost. Special features such as moneyers' names, monograms and symbols were indicated, the last drawn with artistic skill.

"Although the great majority of the coins were Greek and Roman, other areas were represented. In fact some of the finest pieces in our Islamic trays carry a Newell ticket. The emphasis, however, was on the hellenistic period and especially on the coinage bearing the name of Alexander. This undoubtedly would have been his major publication, but Newell approached it indirectly. To be sure there were individual studies of some Alexandrine mints—Tarsus, Side, and Ake among them—but his initial concentration was on allied coinage. Demetrius Poliorcetes, Philaetæus, and the early Seleucids were treated. A manuscript on Lysimachus was in preparation at the time of his death. Subsequent surveys of the early Ptolemies and perhaps Philip II may have been planned. Meanwhile the foundation was being laid for the great opus on Alexander. Tens of thousands of coins and casts were assembled and analyzed, with obverse and reverse die-combinations outlined in a series of notebooks. What a priceless volume it would have been had he only lived to write it.

"Obituary notices pay tribute not only to the scholar but to the man, stressing his charm, his affability and his generosity in sharing his knowledge and his collection with others. There was never any trace of the petty backbiting that often mars the work of even fine scholars. My own acquaintance with Newell was unfortunately limited but I do have cherished memories of meetings of the informal Archaeological Club, which he co-founded and to which I was occasionally invited. Invariably Newell had a contribution to make: at times an amusing account of a recent acquisition, at others a thought-provoking summary of his latest research, described with a clarity and enthusiasm that never failed to strike a response even from those who had little numismatic knowledge. He would have made a

brilliant teacher.

"On the wall outside the Greek vault at the American Numismatic Society there is a plaque with wording that serves as an epitaph: 'These were the workrooms of Edward T. Newell whose eminence as a numismatist was universally recognized and whose generous helpfulness endeared him to a host of friends.'"

FRIEDENBERG BOOK PUBLISHED

Medieval Jewish Seals from Europe by Daniel M. Friedenberg, former Curator of Coins and Medals at the Jewish Museum and a Fellow of the ANS, is slated for publication in December by Wayne State University Press. The first comprehensive study of the use of seals by Jews in the late medieval period, this work is based on a survey made by Mr. Friedenberg over the course of a decade in European archives, libraries and museums, as well as a study of the known literature.

Medieval Jewish Seals from Europe investigates evidence of seals from the twelfth to the sixteenth century, both those affixed to documents and those that are isolated matrices or impressions. Since these documents indicate the economic eminence of Jews throughout Western and Central Europe in long periods at that time, the study illuminates the Jewish role in the transformation of Europe from a barter to a money economy.

The author examines the physical nature of the seals, the symbols and legends they employ, their relation to similar Christian seals, their use and legal validity, and their popularity or rarity in specific settings. Some 200 seals are documented and described. In most cases, the seals are illustrated. Where impressions are appended to documents, the subject of the document is reviewed and the most significant of them are illustrated. This reference book of 410 pages will remain the definitive work in its field for the foreseeable future.

Special Offer

Medieval Jewish Seals from Europe, available directly from Wayne State University Press, 5959 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202, is priced at \$57.50. ANS members, identifying themselves as such, may order before February 1, 1987, at a discount price of \$46.00 plus \$2.00 for handling and postage (USA only).

Price Delivers ANS Bullowa Lecture



Harry W. Fowler greets guest speaker Martin Jessop Price

Martin Price of the British Museum was guest lecturer at the ANS fall meeting presided over by Society President Harry W. Fowler.

Prior to the introduction of Dr. Price, Mr. Fowler reported on the 1987 Annual Giving Campaign. "October begins a new budget year for our Society and with it a new goal for our Annual Giving program," stated Mr. Fowler. "We are asking our members to contribute \$60,000 this year to help offset our operating deficit. I have had the opportunity in recent days and weeks to speak with some of you personally about the financial needs of our Society but here today I can only pledge that if you will help us in this annual drive, we shall use your gift wisely."

Nancy M. Waggoner, Curator of Greek Coins, then introduced the David M. Bullowa Memorial speaker as follows.

"Martin Jessop Price was a close colleague and friend of the Society long before he came to us from the British Museum as Visiting Scholar in the summer of 1974. As Deputy Keeper in the Department of Coins and Medals, he is charged with the care of one of the largest collections of Greek coins in the world. His broad scholarly expertise in Greek and Roman numismatics goes back to his years at Cambridge where he offered as the topic of his dissertation an introduction to bronze coinage. Innumerable publications since then include several articles as well as a book on the Asyut hoard of archaic

Greek silver coins which I had the privilege to co-author.

"Dr. Price has come this time to spend the academic year at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton where among other projects he hopes to complete a volume on the coinage of Alexander the Great. This undertaking will list all known varieties while updating Müller's mint attributions which date back to the mid 1800's. It is a publication that all Greek numismatists are eagerly awaiting. It is my pleasure to introduce Dr. Price who will perhaps tell us *who* was fiddling the accounts in ancient Greece."

In his presentation Dr. Price discussed the ways in which the ancient Greeks devalued their coinage by debasing the purity of the metal and lowering the standard weight of a denomination.

INC MEETS

The International Numismatic Commission met in plenary session on September 13, immediately following the Congress. The Commission is the world organization of numismatic scholarship, with more than 110 institutional members from 33 countries and some 20 honorary individual members. Plenary meetings are held at the time of International Numismatic Congresses, about every six

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1987 ANS GRADUATE SEMINAR APPLICATIONS INVITED

Applications are now being accepted for the 35th Annual Graduate Seminar in Numismatics to be held at the Society June 9-August 8, 1987. Ten grants in aid, carrying stipends of \$1,200, will be made to students of high competence who will have completed at least one year of graduate study in classics, archaeology, history, art history, economic history, or other related disciplines. Applications will also be accepted from junior university or college instructors with a degree in one of these fields. Attendance at the Seminar is restricted to graduate students and junior faculty at institutions in the United States and Canada. Grants in support of attendance are made possible by a contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman.

The Seminar program includes lectures and conferences conducted by specialists in various fields, with emphasis on numismatic methodology. Students employ the resources of the museum's cabinet and library and prepare papers for oral delivery and written submission during the final week.

William E. Metcalf, Chief Curator of the Society, is in charge of the Seminar program, and the entire curatorial staff as well as invited instructors will participate. Dr. Ian A. Carradice of the Department of Coins and Medals, British Museum, will be the Visiting Scholar in Residence during the Seminar.

The deadline for completed applications for the Seminar and the Fellowship announced below is March 3, 1987. Awards will be announced no later than April 1.

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Society is now accepting applications for its Fellowship of \$3,500 for the academic year 1987/8. The award is open to university graduate students in the fields of the humanities or social sciences who will have completed the general examinations (or the equivalent) for the doctorate; will be writing a dissertation during the academic year 1987/8 on a topic in which the use of numismatic evidence plays a significant part; and will have attended the Society's Graduate Seminar prior to the time of application.

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86. At least one shared talk was given in each of the three sessions.

Speakers at the first session included David Davis, "New Varieties of Early Half Dimes;" Russell Logan, "The Third Die: A Different Look" and concluded with a joint presentation by Allen F. Lovejoy and William L. Subjack on "Early Dimes, 1796-1837."

The second session, following lunch, began with Ivan Leaman and Donald Gunnet sharing a report on "Edges and Die Sequences on Early Half Dollars" followed by Robert P. Hilt II, "The 'Group Strength' of Dies for Early Half Dollars" and Robert Stark, "The Dollars of 1794-1803." The afternoon session ended with a joint presentation by Eric P. Newman and Kenneth E. Bressett on "An Update on the *The Fantastic 1804 Dollar*."

Following the conclusion of the Saturday sessions, COAC registrants enjoyed a cocktail reception sponsored by the Council of the ANS.

The final session on Sunday opened with John W. McCloskey, "Unheralded Hub Changes in the Gobrecht Series" followed by the final joint paper of the Conference, Randall Wiley and William Bugert speaking on "Seated Liberty Half Dollars," then David Cohen, "Date Logotypes on Seated Liberty Dollars" and the concluding paper by Harry X Boosel on "The Coinage and the 'Crime' of 1873."

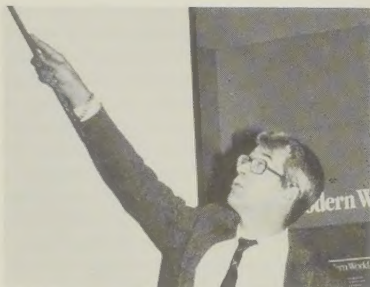
Dr. Doty summarized the Conference of the past two days in a paper, "America's Silver Coins: Coins, Collectors and Research," in which he drew attention to the variety of methodological approaches employed by the speakers to discern the "common" practices of the early Mint as well as "uncommon" practices, as reported by Newman and Bressett. All presentations will be published with ample illustrations in the Conference pro-

ceedings. The book will also contain a paper titled "The Dollars of 1794" by Jack Collins who was unable to attend the Conference due to an injury.

America's Silver Coinage, 1794-1891, estimated to run approximately 150 pages, will be available in late spring 1987 at a price of \$15. All COAC 86 registrants will receive a copy upon publication.

In addition to the full schedule of talks, the Conference featured a selection of exhibits on view at the ANS during the two-day period. The Society is grateful to the following exhibitors for displaying objects from their collections during COAC 86: Harry X Boosel; William Bugert; Ronald Gale; Robert P. Hilt II; Allen Lovejoy; Emmett McDonald; Eric P. Newman; and Julius Turoff. In addition, David Cohen displayed a coin photography setup and arranged an exhibit of ANS die punch trial pieces.

The Society's exhibit was based on the annotated slide set prepared especially for the Conference by John W. McCloskey. This set, *America's Silver Coinage, 1794-1891*, includes a 40-page booklet describing 36 color slides which comprise a type set of the early silver coinage. The boxed set is available at \$25 from the ANS.



Russell Logan notes a detail at COAC 1986.

1986/1987 PUBLICATIONS SUBSCRIPTION

Since its inception in 1983, the annual Publications Subscription has enabled Society members to receive a range of ANS books at significant cost savings. Members of the ANS receive as a perquisite of membership the Society's journal, *Museum Notes*, the quarterly *ANS Newsletter* and the *Annual Report*. The Publication Subscription, currently at \$45, entitles the member to receive works published during the year in the following series: Numismatic Notes and Monographs, Numismatic Studies, Ancient Coins in North American Collections, and *Numismatic Literature*, the semi-annual bibliography of the profession.

Production Delays

Because of problems with the production schedule during 1986, two publications are significantly delayed. Therefore, we are offering all 1986 subscribers who maintain their ANS membership in 1987 not only the overdue publications from 1986, but also a complimentary Publications Subscription for 1987. The Dues Notice sent to all members in November reflects this offer.

The two books originally scheduled for publication in 1986 which will be issued in late 1987 are *Studies in Early Byzantine Gold Coinage* (ANSNS 17), edited by Wolfgang Hahn and William E. Metcalf, and *The John Max Wulfin Collection in Washington University: Roman Republican Coins* (ACNAC 7) by Kevin Herbert with Keith Candiotti.

PAPERS SOUGHT ON THE AMERICAN MEDAL

The 1987 Coinage of the Americas Conference will be devoted to "The Medal in America." The two-day conference is scheduled for September 26-27, 1987, at the ANS.

Scholars of any aspect of the American medal are invited to submit abstracts for talks of thirty minutes length. Papers dealing with the history, the art, and the social role of the medal in North America will be welcome. As in the past, the *Proceedings* of COAC 1987 will be published with ample illustrations. Abstracts should be sent by March 1, 1987, to Dr. Alan M. Stahl, Conference Chairman, at the ANS.

AMERICAN ACADEMY IN ROME SUMMER PROGRAM

The American Academy in Rome announces its annual Summer Session, June 22 to August 1, 1987. Open to teachers and serious students of Latin, ancient history, and the classics, the Summer Session is designed to provide the student with a deepened understanding of Roman civilization and history through a careful study of the material remains and literary sources. The director will be Professor Gerhard M. Koepfel, Department of Classics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Tuition, fees, room and board will total approximately \$1,700. Scholarships are available, including ten awards from the Fulbright Commission and several awards from regional and state classical associations. Deadline for Summer School application is March 1, 1987.



The exhibit proved popular during program breaks.

Katherine Ortega Visits ANS



U.S. Treasurer Katherine Ortega, flanked by Society Director Leslie A. Elam and Chief Curator William E. Metcalf, displays the ANS example of the St. Gaudens extremely high relief proof \$20.

On Wednesday, October 1, Katherine Davalos Ortega, Treasurer of the United States, made her first visit to the American Numismatic Society. Mrs. Ortega viewed the 128-year-old Society with Director Leslie Elam, Chief Curator William E. Metcalf, Librarian Francis Campbell, Curator of Medieval Coins Alan M. Stahl, Associate Editor Marie H. Martin and Development Officer Sande Elinson. Moving through the two main floors of the four story 1907 building, Mrs. Ortega visited the exhibition halls, library, curatorial work areas and vaults.

Mr. Elam guided Mrs. Ortega through the Society's World of Coins Exhibit, a survey of the history of money showing coins as a part of human history and demonstrating how numismatists examine and understand coins as historical evidence. A main feature of this exhibit is its computer terminal which encourages visitors to ASK ME. Linked directly to the ANS computer, the terminal provides detailed information on any object in the exhibit when the number next to the coin is keyed in. Mrs. Ortega was told of the Society's hopes to exploit this exhibit locally with visits from elementary and secondary schools and nationally with a traveling version.

Dr. Metcalf escorted her through the Roman vault viewing the portrait coinage of Marcus Aurelius and a medallion issued by Lucilla on the occasion of her marriage to Verus in A.D. 164. To demonstrate the research capabilities of the computer, information on the Lucilla medallion was ac-

cessed from the data base. Each record has a possible 37 fields which allows the researcher to access information such as physical description, content, publication history, obverse and reverse types and legends. In the Greek vault, Mrs. Ortega was shown some of the Society's extensive holdings of Syracusan silver decadrachms by Curator of Greek Coins Nancy M. Waggoner. Dr. Waggoner also brought out a sample of gold coins from the fifth and fourth centuries B.C. and some examples of famous Greek dies.

Library Tour

Mr. Campbell continued the tour in the Library by showing Mrs. Ortega the recently installed movable shelving which allows members and visitors direct access



to books, journals, catalogues, and other library holdings. A highlight of the tour was the viewing of a selection of the library's holdings of old and rare editions in the collection, including volume one of the 1708 edition of Hubert Goltz's seven volume work on ancient coins which has a frontispiece engraved by Rubens.

Dr. Stahl was Mrs. Ortega's host in the main vault. Mrs. Ortega asked to see coinage of Mexico and was shown a series of coins struck there from the sixteenth century through the Revolution and into the modern era. She then examined a sample of coins from the Society's extensive Far Eastern, Islamic and South Asian collections. In the medals cabinet she handled early Indian Peace Medals, including the extremely rare, hand-engraved Washington pieces.

In the Director's office, she examined



the Society's specimen of the 1907 extremely high relief \$20 gold piece, as well as a specimen in high relief and a business strike. She also saw a set of electrotypes illustrating the striking process of the first version. Another important work of Augustus Saint-Gaudens admired by Mrs. Ortega was the Society's cast specimen of the artist's proposed medal for the 1892 Columbia exposition, which is unique in that it has his painted corrections.

This Augustus Saint-Gaudens design of Liberty is the basis for the obverse design of the first gold bullion coins ever to be issued by the United States Mint this fall. An informal luncheon was held in the Society's board room with those who escorted Mrs. Ortega and her aide, Susanne Howard, through the Society.

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college and free dinners. Return fares from the United States will be paid for the Fellow and his/her family. Limited financial subvention may also be offered depending on individual circumstances. Further details should be obtained from The Dean's Secretary, Christ Church, Oxford OX1 1DP, England, and applications received not later than 20 January 1987.

MEMBERS ELECTED

Forty-one Associate Members were elected at the October 11 meeting of the ANS Council and four were reinstated.

Those elected are Robert F. Barney, Malibu, CA; Howard J. Blyler, Cowen, WV; William P. Brodriak, North Brunswick, NJ; Hans J. Colin, Krefeld, West Germany; Lawrence M. Cutler, Scottsdale, AZ; Gary S. Diamond, Bay Shore, NY; Arthur M. Fitts, West Newton, MA; Maria B.B. Florenzano, São Paulo, Brazil; Victor Gadoury, Monte Carlo, Monaco; and John L. Gomer, Sacramento, CA.

Also, Brian Greer, Santa Ana, CA; Peter R. Hiltbrunner, Duggingen, Switzerland; C.P. Jones, Ontario, Canada; Katherine Kaye, New York, NY; Peter Kaye, Staten Island, NY; Russell Kaye, Ardsley, NY; Brian G. Kestner, Millbrae, CA; Russell J. Logan, Solon, OH; Sewall H. Menzel, APO, Miami, FL; and Bernard Nagengast, Sidney, OH.

Also, Dean S. Neff, Greenville, OH; Lutz A. Neumann-Lysoff, Baden, Switzerland; Lauris Olson, Haddonfield, NJ; Walter J. Pienciak, West Babylon, NY; Geraldine Ramer, Cambridge, MA; Michael K. Ringo, Albany, NY; Michael Rintz, Canton, MI; Benjamin A. Saidel, Manchester, NH; Wayne G. Sayles, Lodi, WI; and Dilip Shah, Jabalpur, India.

Also, Ted Shift, Pittsburgh, PA; H. Kenneth Snipes, Riverdale, NY; Harold C. Sundby, Jr., Huntington Valley, PA; Vernon L. Tipka, Tigard, OR; Hansen Todd, Potter Valley, CA; Larry J. Vann, Lake Jackson, TX; Westfälisches Landesmuseum, Münster, West Germany; Frank Wilkinson, Ann Arbor, MI; Keith Williamson, Costa Mesa, CA; Christian Winterstein, Dornach, Switzerland; and Thomas R. Wolfe, West Palm Beach, FL.

In addition, Edward B. Banning, Charlottesville, VA; Vahe Berkin, Istanbul, Turkey; John Patrick Casey, Glen Rock, NJ; and Robert Charles Grossman, Skokie, IL, were reinstated as Associate Members of the Society.

Elected at July Meeting

At the July Council Meeting, 46 new Associates were elected and four institutions were reinstated to active status.

Elected were Aileen Ajotian, Rosemont, PA; Lester S. Bardack, Larchmont, NY; W.D. Braswell, Huntsville, AL; Faye Brodio, New York, NY; Stephen A. Brunet, Austin, TX; Giovanni Casu, Vancouver, Canada; Luciana Cuppo Csaki,

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Kay M. Brooks

(Photo by Charles Badal)

NEW IN LIBRARY

Kay M. Brooks is the new Assistant Librarian of the ANS. Originally from Oregon where she received her A.B. in English Miss Brooks came to New York to pursue her graduate studies. She received an M.A. in English literature from New York University, where she worked in the collection development office of Bobst Library. She then received her M.S. in library science from Columbia University, where she also worked in the rare book and manuscript library. Miss Brooks then spent a year at Dartmouth College cataloguing the Williams-Watson Theater Collection and entering the collection into the national data base.

Miss Brooks is pleased to return to New York in order to work for the Society. Since she enjoys history, she is fascinated by the prospect of working in the numismatic field. She anticipates the ANS will be a great learning experience.

EWING REPORTS ON BOULTON PROJECT

George E. Ewing of Dallas, Texas, has recently returned from a study trip to Great Britain made possible by a research grant from the Society's Donald Groves Fund. The grant was made earlier this year to Dr. Ewing in support of a project to provide an accurate description of the minting equipment and processes employed by Matthew Boulton in relation to the U.S. Mint. Boulton supplied equipment and planchets to the Mint during its earliest years.

The principal focus of Dr. Ewing's early September trip was the City of Birmingham Reference Library, which houses the Boulton-Watt papers in its Archive Section. From the sketches and notes in Boulton's hand, as well as from information gleaned from a variety of sources, Dr.

Ewing expects to recreate a detailed explanation of Boulton's minting equipment. A visit to the Birmingham Museum of Science and Industry accorded the opportunity to examine actual steam engines made by James Watt as well as numerous original prints of these devices. The industrialist Boulton developed Watt's ingenious engine as the source of power for his coining press. While in England, Dr. Ewing also visited the Coin Room of the British Museum to examine their holdings of Boulton coins and tokens.

Dr. Ewing received his degree in engineering from the University of Arkansas in 1975 and is currently on the faculty at Eastfield College in Dallas.

Donald Groves Fund

Through the Donald Groves Fund, the ANS seeks to promote research and publication in the field of early American numismatics, involving material dated no later than 1800. Funding is available for travel and other expenses in association with research as well as publication costs.

Applications for support are welcome, addressed to the Secretary of the Society, and should include an outline of the proposed research project, the method of accomplishing the research, funding requested and the specific uses to which the funding will be put. Applications are reviewed periodically by the Donald Groves Fund Committee which makes its recommendations to the Society's Council.

NEW JOURNAL LAUNCHED

The inaugural issue of the *New England Journal of Numismatics* appeared in late summer under the editorship of Neil Shafer. This new quarterly, which contains no advertising, is intended to be supported by its readership. It is available by subscription at \$25 per year from NEJN, 89 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02109.

The Fall 1986 issue, now available, contains articles by several numismatic specialists, including Douglas B. Ball, who authored the Society's slide booklet prepared for COAC 1985, Gene Hessler, a participant in that conference, and Horace Flatt who has an important article accepted for publication in the 1987 issue of the Society's journal, *ANSMN* 32. In addition, Charles Hoskins, Brent Hughes and Robert Julian have contributed articles to *NEJN* 2.

According to the masthead, *NEJN* is "dedicated to the best of contemporary numismatic research." The Editor is certainly off to a good start toward this goal.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Society's Nominating Committee for Council Members, comprising Alan B. Coleman, Chairman, John D. Leggett, Jr., and Eric P. Newman, reported to the Council at its October meeting. The three present members whose terms expire January 1987, Harry W. Bass, Jr., Glen W. Bowersock and Mrs. Marion G. Russell, will be nominated for five-year terms at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

According to the Society's Constitution (Article VI.3), additional nominations require the signatures of a total of 10 Fellows and must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 15 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

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years. In the interim, the Commission's affairs are handled by a Council of nine persons.

The plenary meeting began with the report of the outgoing President, Dr. Robert A.G. Carson, followed by reports of various projects under the patronage of the INC, including the ANS publication *Numismatic Literature* represented by its International Editor, Candace Carter.

A new constitution for the INC, similar to the old one, but with more precise phraseology, was proposed by the Council to the membership and approved.

Council Members

The nine members of the new Council (known as the Bureau under the old constitution) elected at the plenary meeting are Dr. Ermanno Arslan, Dr. Michael L. Bates, Professor Peter Robert Franke, Dr. István Gedai, Dr. John P.C. Kent, Dr. Cécile Morrisson, Dr. Kolbjørn Skaare, Professor Leandre Villaronga, and Dr. Raymond Weiller. The new Council adjourned briefly to elect the officers of the INC, who will be Skaare, President, Gedai and Bates, Vice-Presidents, Weiller, Secretary, and Villaronga, Treasurer. Bates was also asked to edit the newsletter of the Commission, which will be done with the help of the ANS editorial department.

When the plenary session reconvened, the new Council proposed the election of honorary individual members, including Dr. Pierre Bastien, Professor Peter Berghaus, Professor Herbert Cahn, Dr. Robert A.G. Carson, Mrs. Elvira Clain-Stefanelli, Dr. P.L. Gupta, Dr. Ryszard Kiersnowski, Dr. Georges LeRider, and Dr. Anne S. Robertson.

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Lake Peekskill, NY; Charles Davis, Morristown, NJ; Francois de Callatay, Beersel, Belgium; and Stephen M. Desio, Malverne, NY.

Also, Roger Wai San Doo, Kowloon, Hong Kong; Sande Elinson, New York, NY; James W. Ermatinger, Baltimore, MD; Don E. Farr, Miami, FL; David A. Fullard, New York, NY; M. Paz Garcia-Bellido, Spain; Mark A. Grasso, Marina Del Rey, CA; Phil W. Greenslet, Reisterstown, MD; Michael Greenspan, San Antonio, TX; and Robert A. Gurval, Berkeley CA.

Also, George Helwege, Floral Park, NY; Istituto Di Storia Antica, Genova, Italy; Thomas E. Johnson, Newark, DE; Erich Kern, Switzerland; Jerry Konton, Blaine, MN; Harry Kornblau, Albany, NY; Harold A. Kozinn, Rockville Centre, NY; Mark A. Lentine, Philadelphia, PA; Fortunato Jose Machado, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Sylvia K. Mager, Teaneck, NJ.

Also, Christian S. Mass, Baltimore, MD; Diane Massa, New York, NY; Larry E. McKinney, Kansas City, MO; George M. Mellinger, Minneapolis, MN; Museo Arqueologico Nacional, Madrid, Spain; Stanley P. Pleban, Avon Lake, OH; Aman ur Rahman, Central, Hong Kong; Clyde Ray, Muscle Shoals, AL; Gary Reger, Madison, WI; and Edward J. Rudnicki, Teaneck, NJ.

Also, Deloum Said, Alger, Algeria; Robert D. Stein, Brooklyn, NY; Blaine Stockton, Alexandria, VA; Robert S. Turner, Myersville, MD; Harold H. Wedig, New Orleans, LA; and David G.L. Worland, N.S.W. Australia.

Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Rome Italy; Cabinet de Numismatique Musée d'Art et d'Histoire, Geneva, Switzerland; Institut Français d'Archéologie du Proche-Orient, Beirut, Lebanon; and Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, were reinstated as Associate Members of the Society.

OXFORD VISITING FELLOWSHIP

Christ Church, Oxford University, proposes to elect a Fowler Hamilton Visiting Fellow in the Humanities or the Social Sciences from the United States for up to one year in the period September 1987 to August 1988. The Fellowship is intended to enable a distinguished scholar to pursue her/his own study and research as a member of the college. The Fellow will be entitled to free accommodation, a study in

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Luciana Cuppo Csaki

(Photo by Charles Badal)

CSAKI NAMED SCHWARTZ FELLOW

Luciana Cuppo Csaki has been named the American Numismatic Society's first Frances M. Schwartz Fellow. Ms. Csaki, a doctoral candidate in Fordham University's Department of Classics, holds her M.Phil. degree from the University of Trieste (Italy) and an M.A. from the University of Kansas, and is an adjunct faculty member at Mt. St. Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y. as well as a teaching assistant at Fordham. For just over a year she has also been in charge of the Islamic and Medieval photo files at the ANS, and now will concentrate on Roman coinage under the supervision of the Society's Chief Curator William E. Metcalf.

The Schwartz Fellowship, which carries a stipend of up to \$2,000, is intended to provide background in numismatics and museum practice, and is awarded to students who have completed a B.A. or equivalent. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Metcalf at the ANS.

ANS AT NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL

The ANS will again this year be represented at the New York International Numismatic Convention, to be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, December 13-15. As it has since 1979, the Society will have an Information Booth on the main floor, courtesy of the show's organizers, Richard Margolis and Wilbur Selfridge. Society staff and members will act as booth hosts, providing information on the ANS and its activities, displaying the new publications, and encouraging visits to the Society to view the exhibition, *The World of Coins*, as well as other special exhibits currently on display.

Calendar

November

- 27-29 Society closed, Thanksgiving.

December

- 13-15 ANS Information Booth open at the New York International Numismatic Convention, Sheraton Centre, New York.

- 25-27 Society closed, Christmas.

- 27-30 Archaeological Institute of America-American Philological Association meeting, San Antonio, TX. ANS reception, 29th, hosted by William E. Metcalf. Carmen Arnold-Biucchi to speak on "The Archaic Coinage of Selinus."

January

- 1 Society closed, New Year's Day.
- 10 Finance Committee meeting, 11:00.
Council meeting, 1:00.
Annual Meeting of the Society, 3:00.

February

- 12 Society closed, Lincoln's Birthday.

March

- 3 Application deadline for ANS Graduate Seminar and Graduate Fellowship awards

Liberty Medal Still Available

More than five hundred examples of the Society's Statue of Liberty medal have been sold, making it one of the most successful issues in the 120 years of the series. The original minting was one hundred silver and five hundred bronze specimens of the bold oval medal sculpted by Eugene Daub of Philadelphia. Subsequently, two gold examples and fifty silver have been struck, bringing the total (and final) minting to 652 pieces.

The bronze medals have all been hand finished by Hugo Greco with a torch patina which recalls the appearance of the surface of the restored statue. They are available for \$30 plus \$4 postage. The

silver medals are of .999 silver and weigh over 16 ounces; the cost is \$175 plus \$5 postage. Sets of silver and bronze may be ordered for \$200 plus \$8 postage.

The Society's medal for its 125th anniversary celebration in 1983, by Marcel Jovine, is still available for \$30 plus \$4 postage in bronze and \$400 plus \$6 postage in silver. The medal for Ernst Babelon from the 1910 International Numismatic Congress is available for \$25 plus \$4 postage. ANS members are eligible to order the Members Medal by Frank Eliscu for \$250 plus \$5 in silver and \$35 plus \$4 in bronze.

MONETARY CONFERENCE SLATED IN BELGIUM

The Contact Group for Phoenician and Punic Studies of the Belgian National Foundation for Scientific Research (Professor E. Lipinski, President) and the Seminare de Numismatique Marcel Hoc, Université Catholique de Louvain (Professor Tony Hackens) are organizing a symposium on premonetary and monetary economy in the Phoenician and Punic world in the first week of March 1987. It is intended to cover literary, epigraphic, or archaeological sources for the history of economy as well as the bearing of numismatic studies on this field. Numismatic studies can be technical, iconographic, metrological or general.

Papers offered for the conference should be addressed to: T. Hackens, Collège Erasme, B1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

Two types of housing are available: student rooms at inexpensive prices and reduced rate housing in a middle class international standard hotel on the site. Information about travel and other facilities will be provided to participants in advance.

ANS TO HOST SOCIAL

Again this year the Society will have a reception for Graduate Seminar alumni, members and friends at the combined meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association. William E. Metcalf will host the ANS reception at the San Antonio convention on Monday, Dec. 29, at 9 PM.

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